



INFLUENZA ACTIVITY SUMMARY 2001 - 2002

(February 25, 2002)

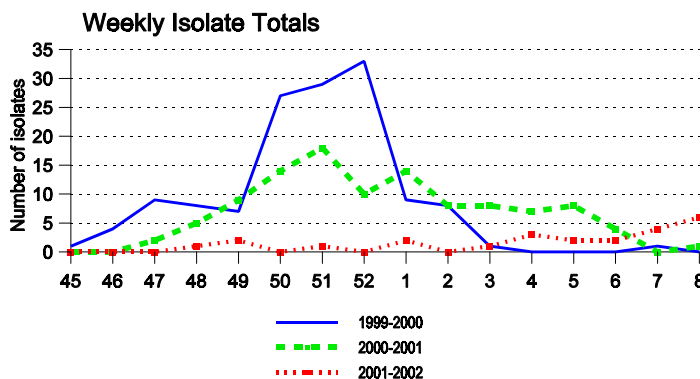
It's not over yet!

Overview – February 25, 2002:

Influenza activity has increased both in California and nationwide – recently, 3 influenza outbreaks occurred in Northern California, and as of week 6 the CDC reports 11 states with widespread activity compared to only 4 states reporting that level of activity during week 4. Nonetheless, within Los Angeles County, activity is still minimal.

Los Angeles County Data

Within LA County, the 2001-2002 season continues to be very mild – especially compared to the previous two seasons. To date, there have been no confirmed influenza outbreaks, and overall, the incidence and impact have been sparse. However, recently there has been a small increase in reported isolates.



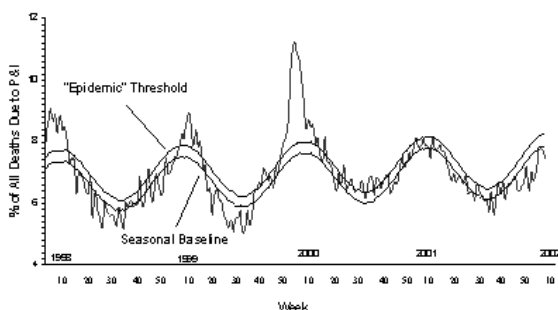
The minimal activity of this season is especially evident when comparing the weekly viral isolates reported by sentinel physicians – as of week 8, only 24 isolates were reported to ACD compared to 111, and 142 as of this week during the last two seasons.

Recently, 3 influenza outbreaks were reported in Northern California (Alameda, San Francisco, and San Mateo Counties). All of the outbreaks occurred in skilled nursing facilities.

Nationwide Data

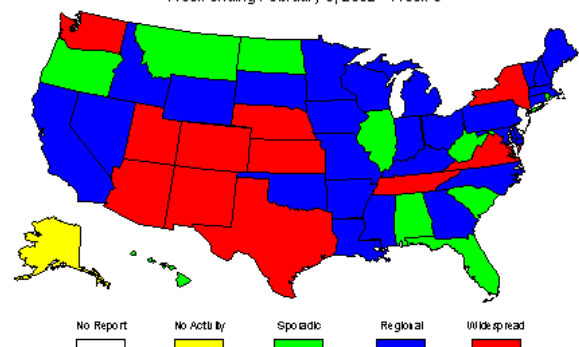
Nationwide, influenza activity is increasing, but is still much milder than anticipated.

**Pneumonia and Influenza Mortality
for 122 U.S. Cities
Week Ending 2/9/02**



Pneumonia and influenza deaths remain below the epidemic threshold. Mortality has not exceeded the epidemic threshold since January 2000.

**Weekly Influenza Activity Estimates Reported
by State & Territorial Epidemiologists
Week ending February 9, 2002 - Week 6**



Across the nation, 11 states (Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, and Washington) are experiencing widespread influenza activity during week 6. In California, the level of activity recently increased from "sporadic" to "regional."